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Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals received from foreign companies and approved by the Government under the Foreign Direct Investment policy in the mining sector during each of the last three years;

(b) the details of such companies involved in mining of bauxite reserves and other minerals alongwith its domestic consumption and exports made during the said period;

(c) the number of people, including tribals to be displaced or likely to be affected by liberalized mining of bauxite and other minerals;

(d) whether the Government proposes to make provisions in the mining policy for addressing the issues of environmental degradation, resettlement and rehabilitation of affected and displaced people, especially the tribals to ensure effective implementation of our mineral policy; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA)

(a) & (b): Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) The data is not centrally maintained. However, the Government has enunciated the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy to protect the interest of the people including tribals through comprehensive relief and rehabilitation packages.

(d) & (e) The new National Mineral Policy provides for a framework of sustainable development to take care of bio-diversity issues, restoration of ecological balance, protection of interest of tribal population by providing for stake holders interest and comprehensive relief and rehabilitation in line with the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy, 2007.